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**XIA SSBN
HULUDAO NAVAL BASE SHIPYARD AND PORT FACILITY, CHINA**

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE OBSERVED AS THE XIA SSBN (NUCLEAR-POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE) CONTINUES FITTING OUT AT HULUDAO.

2. (S/D) REMARKS: A PROBABLE REACTOR ACCESS AREA OPENING IS IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THE MISSILE BAY, AND A RECTANGULAR FRAMEWORK, [REDACTED] IS ERECTED AROUND IT. A COVER WAS OVER THE OPENING ON [REDACTED] A SIMILAR FRAMEWORK WAS ERECTED AROUND THE REACTOR ACCESS OPENING ON THE SECOND UNIT OF THE HAN SSN (NUCLEAR-POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINE) DURING FITTING OUT. A POSSIBLE REACTOR AREA HULL PLATE, [REDACTED] IS ON THE QUAY NEXT TO THE SUBMARINE. THE PLATE MAY HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE ACCESS OPENING.

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(S/D) THE UPPER SECTION OF PORT SIDE TUBES NUMBER 2, 3, AND POSSIBLY 5, AND THE UPPER SECTION OF STARBOARD SIDE TUBE NUMBER 5 HAVE BEEN REMOVED; HOWEVER, NONE OF THE REMOVED SECTIONS ARE OBSERVED ON THE QUAY. FOUR PROBABLE DOMED-SHAPED MISSILE TUBE CAPS, [REDACTED] IN DIAMETER, ARE ON THE QUAY. PROBABLE HINGES ARE VISIBLE ON THE CAPS.

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 40-43-19N 120-59-27E

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